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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER RON GARROW SET TO RETIRE END OF YEAR

North Bend, WA – After working for the City of North Bend for over a decade, Ron Garrow, Public Works Director/City Engineer is retiring effective the end of this year.

“I’ve enjoyed working in public/private service as a Professional Engineer for over 36 years, and have especially appreciated the opportunity to serve as North Bend’s Public Works Director,” said Mr. Garrow. “While the decision to leave was very difficult, because North Bend has been my home away from home and the Mayor, Council and staff are great people to work with, I am ready to explore a new phase of my life. I know that North Bend will continue to thrive and I am confident that I leave the City in the good hands of quality professionals.”



Ron Garrow, PW Director/City Engineer

Director Garrow graduated from the University of Washington with a Master of Science degree in civil engineering, with an emphasis in water resource management. During his career he provided civil engineering services as a consultant to both the private and public sector, and worked for the Cities of Fife, Milton, and Federal Way prior to becoming North Bend’s Public Works Director in 2002.

During Director Garrow’s tenure in North Bend he is credited with plenty of major accomplishments which include:

- Acquired water rights for the City to cover full build-out of its current Urban Growth Area.
- Secured approximately \$7 Million in grants for street capital improvement projects.
- Secured approximately \$1 Million in grants for water capital improvement projects.
- Secured approximately \$5.8 Million in loans for water/sewer capital improvement projects.
- Secured \$178,000 in grants for other improvements.
- Started a pavement preservation program for City streets and coordinated the overlay of many street segments including portions of North Bend Way, Main Street, and Park Street.
- Developed the City’s Incident Command System and opened the Emergency Operations Center as Incident Commander for several local disasters.

Major projects managed by Director Garrow for the City over the last decade include the roundabout at North Bend Way/Cedar Falls Way, Downing Avenue extension, bridge replacement on NW 8th Street, reconstruction of North Bend Way in downtown, Boalch Avenue reconstruction, Pickett Avenue reconstruction, \$19 Million ULID No 6 providing sewer to many properties, new production well and mitigation pipeline for the water system, replacement of sewer mains in the downtown area, and upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Ken Hearing said it has been a pleasure working with Director Garrow. "Ron's position is a very important one and he leaves big shoes to fill," Mayor Hearing said. "Ron has always put the City of North Bend first and that is a quality we all observed and appreciated. I wish him well in his retirement and hope he can enjoy whatever life has to offer him in this next stage of his life." Councilmember Ross Loudonback added that Ron's professionalism, long-time history and knowledge of the City will be missed.

Once Director Garrow notified City Officials of his intention to retire, the City began recruitment for the next Public Works Director/City Engineer, which recently culminated in the hiring of Frank Page, P.E., from Cody, Wyoming. Incoming Director Page will come on board October 15th giving him some time with Director Garrow to learn about City operations and current projects.



Frank Page, P.E.

Mr. Page is a registered professional engineer who brings to the position over 27 years of engineering, operations, administrative, design and construction experience in both the public and private sector. The City expects to confirm Incoming Director Page's appointment at its October 16th City Council meeting.

The City will be honoring Public Works Director Ron Garrow at its December 4, 2012 City Council Meeting. The Public is invited to attend.

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